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any good result. He was doubtful whether the T. I. C. Regulation could be made applicable to a public institution and suggested that, if the premises were placed under their control, they would see to its being kept in proper sanitary condition.

Dewan's reply.—The T. I. C. Regulation provides for *compelling* people to keep their premises clean. You should make people do their work and not do their work for them. The other parts mentioned by the member are noted.

(2) Medical Relief.

57. Some suggestions for the promotion of Medical Relief and Research.

Mr. A. Palpu, B. A. (Member, Nominated) referred to the unsatisfactory condition of Medical Relief in the State, owing to the want of an adequate supply of drugs. He then said that sufficient encouragement was not given to the Native Vydians, who were now regarded only as a bad substitute for English doctors. In his opinion, the question of the State attitude towards the Vydian and his art had to be carefully considered and defined by the Government; and if it was found that, as a result, the Vydian was very much inferior to his English rival, it should be further considered whether he could not be made as useful. If it was possible to improve him, it should be done; otherwise, his practice ought, in the public interests, to be summarily ended. He further suggested that the Government should give native medicine at least a fair trial and a fair chance of justifying its existence and its historic usefulness, by making some provision for competent research into the properties of the drugs ordinarily used by the Vydians and the methods employed by them in treatment; and he proposed that a full-timed young medical graduate should be set apart, with a proper laboratory, for this work of research, it being his duty, especially, to publish the results of his investigations in English and in the Vernacular. He then pointed out the harm done by some Native Physicians through their ignorance of Physiology, Anatomy, Chemistry, antiseptic treatment and the properties of mineral drugs and poisons; and he proposed, as a remedial measure, that a grant in aid or diploma should be given only to those candidates who, having passed from the Ayurvedic Patasala, would undergo a further examination in the above subjects, conducted by a Board constituted by the Darbar Physician—facilities being afforded at the same time for Vydian candidates to attend the hospitals and learn work therein.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

58. Medical aid to the Meenachil taluk.

Mr. C. Mathen Mappilla (Member, Meenachil taluk) said that the Meenachil taluk, especially the eastern portions of it, was malarious and that the hospital at Lalam,

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being at the extreme western portion of the taluk, was too far away for the inhabitants of Poonjar, Thedanaad, Chennad and Cholad to derive any aid from it. Some time ago the Medical officer at Lalam used to come to Earttupetta bi-weekly and dispense medicines, but it was discontinued after some time. He prayed that the practice of dispensing medicines at Erattupetta be re-established as before. He also pointed out that there was not a single vydiasala in their midst and urged the necessity of opening vydiasalas in the malarious and unhealthy parts of the taluk, *viz.*, Bharananganam, Earattupettah and Ramapuram.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

The opening of a dispensary at Karukachal.

Mr. Parameswara Kurup Iravi Kurup (Member, Changanacheri taluk) stated that the inhabitants of Nedukunnam in the Changanacheri taluk suffered a great deal for want of medical aid, the nearest hospital at Changanacheri being 9 to 17 miles distant from the place; that most of the inhabitants, who numbered more than 5,000, were poverty-stricken low caste people; and that the opening of a dispensary in their midst would be a great blessing to them. If this was not feasible, the Member proposed that a bi-weekly dispensary, under the supervision of the Changanacheri Medical Officer, be established at Karukachal.

On being asked by the Dewan whether a vydiasala would not do for the place, the Member said that it was not sufficient as it would not meet the requirements in labour cases.

The raising of the status of the Parur hospital.

Mr. A. Govinda Menon, B. A. (Member, Parur taluk) represented that the present medical institution should be raised to the rank of a first class hospital with an officer not below the status of an Assistant Surgeon. He said that, in point of daily attendance, &c., Parur was not below Alleppey and other towns where there are first class hospitals. The present building is not commodious and is situated in a very unhealthy quarter. The want of a competent officer sometimes put the people to the necessity of seeking medical relief from Ernakulam.

Dewan's reply.—Plans and estimates for a good hospital have been sanctioned. As regards the deputation of a competent Medical officer, I have to say that the matter of posting is left to the Darbar Physican.

VII. Education.

9. The desirability of introducing certain changes in the Education Code and in the present education policy of the State

P. K. Kesava Pillai, B. A., B. L. (Member, Trivandrum taluk) said that the fundamental defects of the Education

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